

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 9 and 21 as follows. The changes in these claims from their immediate prior version are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ or [[double brackets]] for deleted matter and underlines for added matter. A complete listing of the claims with proper claims identifiers follows.

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A method for making a tissue sheet having increased bulk and visual aesthetics using a raised pattern felt comprising the steps of:

- a) forming paper making fibers into a basesheet;
- b) bringing the basesheet into contact with a patterned felt made from a water-holding substrate joined to a carrier, the carrier having the pattern stitched into it with a stitching material forming a plurality of projections, the projections of the felt being formed by the stitching material;
- c) pressing the basesheet against the patterned felt to form a pattern in the basesheet; and
- d) drying the basesheet.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the drying step is partially accomplished by transferring water from the basesheet into the felt during the pressing step.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the basesheet is pressed against a heated drying cylinder and dried to a final dryness while maintaining the pattern in the web.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the heated drying cylinder is a Yankee dryer.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the stitched pattern allows the flow of water through the stitching material into the water holding substrate.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the stitched pattern comprises multiple distinct images.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the stitched pattern depicts butterflies.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the height of the stitched elements is at least 10% of the combined thickness of the substrate and the carrier.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the felt comprises a hydrophobic flow-control material.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the pattern is stitched into a carrier which comprises a hydrophobic flow-control material.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the pattern is stitched into a spunbonded nylon material treated with a hydrophobic chemical composition.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the tensile strength reduction due to the pattern in the basesheet is less than 30% of the tensile strength of the same basesheet made without the pattern.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9 wherein the ~~stitched pattern is made from stitching material comprises~~ yarn.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the stitching material is compressible.